POSITIONS AND AREAS OF SUN SPOTS-Continued

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Mean daily area for 31 days, 1,865. Plate quality: F, fair; G, good; VG, very good.

PROVISIONAL SUNSPOT RELATIVE NUMBERS FOR **MAY 1939**

[Dependent alone on observations at Zurich]

[Data furnished through the courtesy of Prof. W. Brunner, Eidgen. Sternwarte, Zurich, Switzerland]

May 1939	Relative numbers	May 1939	Relative numbers	May 1939	Relative numbers
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Mean, 22 days = 124.7.

a = Passage of an average-sized group through the central meridian. b = Passage of a large group through the central meridian. c = New formation of a group developing into a middle-sized or large center of activity. E, on the eastern part of the sun's disk; W, on the western part; M, on the central-circle

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d = Entrance of a large or average-sized center of activity on the east limb.
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AEROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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The results of 690 individual upper-air observations made during May by airplanes and radiosonde in the United States, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Canada, Bermuda and the north Atlantic, are shown in tables 1 and 1a. Mean atmospheric pressures, temperatures, and resultant winds are indicated on charts VIII, IX, X, and XI. Isentropic data are shown on chart XII. Tables 2 and 3 present upper-air wind data and table 4 gives the mean altitude of the tropopause. A detailed description of these charts and tables will be found in the January 1939 issue of the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW.

In the lower levels where observations are made by radiosonde and airplanes, many flights reached all levels. Of the 320 airplane observations made in the United States proper, 80 percent reached 5 kilometers. But, of all the 311 radiosonde flights launched at the surface, 98 percent reached 5 kilometers. And, in the higher levels, 92, 79, and 25 percent of all flights reached 10, 15, and 20 kilometers, respectively. Means were computed for the 22-kilometer level over Nashville, Tenn., Omaha, Nebr., and Washington, D. C., while a few individual flights went even higher; 25 kilometers over St. George's, Bermuda, and 24 kilometers over Omaha, Nebr.

The May mean free-air pressure, temperature (° C.), and humidity, given in table 1a, also includes radiosonde observations for the first time from Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., and the United States Coast Guard cutters Champlain and Chelan, when located at Halifax, Nova Scotia, or in an area at sea lying between latitudes 40° and 44° N. and longitudes 47° and 53° W.

A low mean-pressure area prevailed to the north and east of the Great Lakes, then northeastward indefinitely toward Hudson Bay and Newfoundland. However, the lowest pressure in the United States at 1.5, 3, 4, and 5 kilometers, was centered over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. But it was found that pressures far to the east, over Halifax,

Nova Scotia, were still somewhat lower. On the other hand, pressure was higher east of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for observations by Coast Guard ships at sea (table 1a) revealed pressures that were from 2 to 3 millibars higher than those recorded over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at all levels. The highest pressures were located in the south, being centered generally over St. George's, Bermuda, and Pensacola, Fla.

During May low mean pressure prevailed over Fargo, N. Dak., up to 1.5 kilometers; over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., up to 16 kilometers; and over both stations from 17 to 20 kilometers. The highest mean pressure from the surface up to 1.5 kilometers predominated over St. George's, Bermuda, and then at Pensacola, Fla., up to 5 kilometers. Highest pressure then was located over St. George's, Bermuda, at 5, 6, 7, and 8 kilometers, being exceeded by Shreveport, La., at 9, 10, and 11 kilometers, and Nashville, Tenn., at 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 kilometers, and Washington, D. C., at 19, 20, 21, and 22

The pressure differences between the LOW and HIGH areas at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Bermuda increased steadily with altitude, varying from 7 millibars at 0.5 kilometer to 19 millibars at 5 kilometers. Similar differences between the two pressure extremes within the United States (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Pensacola, Fla.), showed slightly smaller increases with altitude, ranging from 5 to 14 millibars at 0.5 to 5 kilometers, respectively.

Mean free-air temperatures (° C.) during the current month were seasonally warmer than in April at all radiosonde stations in the lower levels, but slightly colder than those recorded in April at the upper levels, with the exception of Oakland, Calif. At Fargo, N. Dak., the mean temperature at 17 kilometers (-61.8° C.) was the lowest recorded over that station since October 1938.

In the lower levels, up to 5 kilometers, mean temperatures for May were lowest over Halifax, Nova Scotia, and highest over El Paso, Tex., at 1.5, 3, and 4 kilometers, and over Pensacola, Fla., at 5 kilometers. Above 5 kilometers, mean temperatures were highest over Shreveport, La., up to 11 kilometers; over Oakland, Calif., at 12, 13, and 14 kilometers; and over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., from 15 to 20 kilometers, inclusive. The lowest mean temperature recorded in May in the upper air was —65.8° C. over St. George's, Bermuda, at 15 kilometers; in the United States, —64.3° C. over Nashville, Tenn., at 17 kilometers. Mean relative humidity in the United States was lower

Mean relative humidity in the United States was lower than usual in the free air, the highest percentage being recorded at San Diego, Calif., at 0.5 and 1 kilometer; at Pensacola, Fla., at 1.5 and 2 kilometers; over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at 3 and 4 kilometers; over Salt Lake City, Utah, at 5 kilometers; and over Fargo, N. Dak., at 6, 7, 8, and 9 kilometers. The humidity over St. George's Bermuda, at 0.5, 1, 1.5, and 2 kilometers, was the highest reported during May. Dry air was centered in the lower levels over Omaha, Nebr., and Spokane, Wash., at 0.5 and 1 kilometer. Relative humidity ranged from 24 to 33 percent over El Paso, Tex., at 2, 2.5, 3, 4, and 5 kilometers, respectively, while above 5 kilometers the driest air was centered over Oakland, Calif., and Bermuda.

Resultant wind directions and velocities were computed during May for 115 pilot-balloon stations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and Bermuda. These included data for new stations at Elmira, N. Y., Mobile, Ala., San Antonio, Tex., and Springfield, Mo. Table 2 presents a list of 39 selected stations with computed resultants for all standard levels. Improvement in the number of observations made at higher levels was noted. Comparing the current month with April it was found that this increase amounted to 15, 18, and 25 percent, at 3, 4, and 5 kilometers, respectively. All stations listed in table 2 computed 5 p. m. resultants for all levels up to 2.5 kilometers; 87 percent up to 5 kilometers; 67 percent at 6 kilometers; 34 percent at 8 kilometers; 21 percent at 10 kilometers; and 13 percent at 12 kilometers.

During the current month there was a decided increase in the maximum altitudes reached by pilot balloons. It was found that 70 percent of the stations in the United States averaged at least 2.5 kilometers higher in May than in April. But in the Northwest and along the Pacific coast the maximum altitudes reached were lower in May by an average of 1.5 kilometers. At Miami, Tampa, and Jacksonville, Fla., maximum altitudes were 7 kilometers higher than in April. Highest altitudes were reached by individual ascensions at Abilene, Tex. (19,467 meters); San Antonio, Tex. (19,113 meters); and Denver, Colo. (18,597 meters). At 20 percent of all stations in the United States maximum altitudes exceeded 15 kilometers; at 70 percent elevations higher than 10 kilometers were reached; and all stations exceeded 5 kilometers during the month. The latter portion of May appeared suitable for high-altitude balloon observations—the 19th, 20th, and 21st over the Western Plains States from Texas to the Dakotas; the 23d and 24th in the Southeast; and the 30th over the Mississippi Valley. Most stations took advantage of the opportunities presented by the conditions

existing on those days.

The 5 a. m. (E. S. T.) resultant wind directions at 1.5 kilometers (chart VIII), were mostly from the southwest quadrant over the eastern two-thirds of the country, except in the extreme Northeast and in Canada. Southeasterly winds occurred in 13 percent of all cases, being

confined to the far South and Gulf of Mexico countries. Northwesterly wind directions, representing 36 percent of all cases, prevailed in the far North, Northwest, and along the Pacific coast, as well as in Canada. But, at 3 kilometers (chart IX), southwesterly winds predominated only in the South and Southwest, while winds from the northwest quadrant (55 percent of all cases) occurred elsewhere within the United States, as well as Canada. About 2 percent of the winds at this level were southeasterly. However, resultant winds computed from the 5 p. m. (E. S. T.) observations for both the above-mentioned levels (1.5 and 3 kilometers) showed a more definite tendency to fall within the southwest quadrant. At 1.5 and 3 kilometers, respectively, 68 and 60 percent of all directions were southwesterly.

In the lower levels, southeasterly winds ranged from 35 percent of the total at the surface to 15 percent at 1 kilometer. Above 3 kilometers, at 5 p. m., the percentage of northwest wind directions (charts X and XI, and table 2) gradually increased. At 4 kilometers the winds were equally divided between the southwest and northwest quadrants, and at 5 kilometers 60 percent of the resultants were northwesterly. Southwest winds in these levels were confined to the South, some in the far West, and generally over the Pacific coast. Wind directions above 5 kilometers were definitely from the northwest quadrant, reaching 78 percent of the total at 8 kilometers.

Resultant wind velocities during May were lower than in the preceding month. Highest velocities occurred over the Northeast, the upper Mississippi Valley, and the Southwest, at 1.5, 3, 4, and 5 kilometers. The extreme velocities for May were 9.2 meters per second at Del Rio, Tex.; 10.8 m. p. s. at Elmira, N. Y.; and 15.5 m. p. s. at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Buffalo, N. Y., at 1.5, 3, 4, and 5 kilometers, respectively. In the higher levels resultant wind speeds of 17.2 and 20.6 m. p. s. were recorded over Winslow, Ariz., at 10 and 12 kilometers, respectively.

Comparing the 5 a. m. (E. S. T.) resultants (charts VIII and IX) with 5 a. m. normal resultants computed for 21 representative stations in the country, it was found that the wind directions for May at the 1.5-kilometer level departed from normal by counterclockwise orientations. These departures were pronounced at Atlanta, Ga. (the difference being 49° when rotated counterclockwise away from normal), and Oakland, Calif. (42°—counterclockwise). At 3 kilometers the counterclockwise departures were outstanding at Chicago, Ill. (39°); Medford, Oreg. (34°); Oakland, Calif. (35°); Omaha, Nebr. (33°), and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (27°). Velocity departures from normal during May were unimportant at 1.5 and 3 kilometers, except over Fargo, N. Dak., where the current winds were respectively 3.0 and 5.1 m. p. s. greater than normal.

Resultants based on 5 p. m. (E. S. T.) observations, when compared to existing 5 a. m. normal resultants for the surface and up to 5 kilometers, show that the May departures were in general characterized by counterclockwise rotations from normal. This was particularly noticeable at Atlanta, Ga., Cheyenne, Wyo., Chicago, Ill., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., San Diego, Calif., and Oklahoma City, Okla. At Cheyenne, Wyo., for instance, the current winds departed from normal by 78°, 90°, 64°, 50°, 24°, and 21°, at the surface and 2, 2.5, 3, 4, and 5 kilometers, respectively. At San Diego, Calif., the departures amounted to 91°, 12°, 21°, 26°, 30°, 20°, 44°, 21°, and 33°, at the surface and up to 5 kilometers, respectively.

Stations with outstanding clockwise departures in the lower levels, and then changing to counterclockwise in the upper levels, were: Medford, Oreg., Fargo, N. Dak., Houston, Tex., Nashville, Tenn., and Seattle, Wash. At St. Louis, Mo., and Washington, D. C., large counterclockwise departures were indicated up to 2 kilometers, and then clockwise above. Resultant velocity departures from normal were large in some cases, being greater than normal at all levels over Fargo, N. Dak., Atlanta, Ga., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Seattle and Spokane, Wash. This situation was outstanding at Fargo, N. Dak., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., above 2 kilometers. Elsewhere, velocities were lower than normal, being noticeable at Oakland, Calif., Omaha, Nebr., and Nashville, Tenn.

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Resultant wind directions (based on 5 p. m., E. S. T. observations), shown in table 2, were decidedly more southerly during May than those observed in the preceding month. At all levels, particularly at Cheyenne, Wyo., Atlanta, Ga., Huron, S. Dak., Oklahoma City, Okla., Omaha, Nebr., Reno, Nev., and Winslow Ariz., the directions were generally south of those noted in April by a counterclockwise departure. The few exceptions having winds in May that were more northerly than in April, were Buffalo, N. Y., New Orleans, La., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Washington, D. C., Greensboro, N. C., and Brownsville, Tex. Over these stations the northerly, or clockwise, departure changes occurred at higher levels only. Velocities were lower in May than in April at all levels, particularly at Brownsville, Tex., Omaha, Nebr., and Washington, D. C. The only exceptions occurred over Winslow, Ariz., San Diego, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., El Paso, Tex., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Table 3 shows individual maximum wind velocities

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Mont., reported 47.7 m. p. s.; between 2.5 and 5 kilometers, a velocity of 58.7 m. p. s. occurred over Ely, Nev.; and above 5 kilometers, Redding, Calif., reported 80 m. p. s. (178.9 miles per hour) from the SSW on the 8th at 16.6 kilometers. This occurred at the maximum altitude reached over Redding during May, and equalled the velocity reported there in the previous month of April. It has been exceeded elsewhere only four times, but is the highest wind speed of record over any station at such a high altitude.

MEAN ISENTROPIC CHART FOR MAY 1939, 1 θ=307°

The mean isentropic chart for May shows a typical summertime pattern; a large warm, moist area extends over the western plateau and is associated with an anticyclonic tongue extending to Chicago. Over the eastern part of the country the typical eastern moist tongue is present; it originates in the Gulf and curves sharply anticyclonically over the Southeastern States. This tongue has a branch extending well over the Atlantic to Newfoundland, as shown by soundings from Coast Guard cutters and from Newfoundland Airport.

This moisture pattern does not seem to correspond well with the distribution of precipitation departures except in the northeast, where large negative departures may be explained by the downslope winds. Much better correspondence is shown with a chart showing the number of days with 0.01 inch or more of rainfall. Frequent rains near the lake regions and over southern Canada perhaps originate in lower layers and so cannot be explained by the isentropic pattern.

¹ This chart and the following discussion have been prepared by the Air Mass Section of the Meteorological Research Division.

Table 1.—Mean free-air barometric pressures (P.) in mb, temperatures (T.) in °C, and relative humidities (R. H.) in percent obtained by airplanes during May 1939

												Altit	ude (mete	ers) m.	s. l.					_							
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Stations and elevations in meters above sea level	Num- ber of obser- va- tions	P.	т.	R. H.	P.	т.	R. H.	Р.	т.	R. H.	Р.	т.	R. H.	P.	T.	R. H.	P.	т.	к. н.	Р.	Т.	R. H	P.	т.	R. H.	Р.	Т.	R. H.
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¹ Navy.

Flights discontinued temporarily.

Table 1a.—Mean free-air barometric pressures (P.) in mb., temperatures (T.) in °C., and relative humidities (R. H.) in percent obtained by radiosondes during May 1939

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Observations taken about $4\,a.\,m.$ 75th meridian time, except by Navy stations along the Pacific coast and Hawaii where they are taken at dawn.

Note.-None of the means included in this table are based on less than 15 surface or

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¹ Army.
2 Operated by Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
3 Navy.
4 Soundings made by U. S. C. G. cutters Champlain and Chelan of International Ice Patrol. The observations at sea were made in an area extending from latitudes 40° to 44° N. and from longitudes 47° to 53° W. Humidity data will be published at a later date.

Table 2.—Free-air resultant winds based on pilot-balloon observations made near 5 p. m. (E. S. T.) during May 1939 [Directions given in degrees from North (N=360°, E=90°, S=180°, W=270°)—Velocities in meters per second (superior figures indicate number of observations)]

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Surface	269 253 255 257 260 259 259 266 257	3. 2 ³¹ 4. 8 ³¹ 5. 4 ³¹ 5. 8 ³⁰ 7. 2 ³⁰ 9. 6 ³⁰ 11. 5 ²⁴ 11. 7 ¹⁵	293 291 274 261 248 261 269 273 281	1. 421 1. 521 2. 231 3. 720 4. 730 7. 024 8. 023 10. 818 12. 913 14. 010	° 200 211 225 245 273 291 280 284 275 303	2. 839 3. 939 4. 639 3. 939 4. 337 4. 431 5. 316 5. 714 8. 410	280 274 268 271 271 259 258	3. 330 4. 830 5. 730 6. 529 7. 425 5. 818 9. 013	139 142 152 152 264 277 292 284 293	4. 320 4. 530 2. 228 0. 628 0. 926 0. 828 2. 321 1. 616 3. 016 5. 313	264 307 266 225 233 250 260 278 288 280 290 294 265 285	0. 5 ³¹ 7. 5 ³¹ 0. 5 ³¹ 1. 8 ³⁰ 3. 7 ²⁰ 4. 8 ³⁰ 5. 4 ²³ 7. 2 ²¹ 8. 8 ¹⁶ 9. 5 ¹⁶ 7. 8 ¹³ 6. 4 ¹¹	210 221 214 221 241 246 248 253 256 284 266	6. 2 ²⁷ 7. 6 ²⁴ 12. 0 ¹⁷	246 274 290 299 285 291	0. 931 1. 431 2. 539 3. 129 2. 923 3. 023 4. 121 4. 617 4. 618 5. 713 6. 810	298 300 310 291 221 199 211 237 242 233 240	2. 620 2. 620 2. 530 1. 623 2. 823 3. 623 4. 018 5. 716 8. 413 10. 911	° 112 116 131 162 237 253 241 239 251 257	3, 140	286 282	6. 7 ²³ 6. 9 ²³ 10. 0 ¹⁷ 10. 6 ¹⁴	201 210 240 238 250 251 247 328 334	1. 529 1. 529 2. 229 3. 429 3. 127 3. 727 2. 921 6. 212	0 142 183 212 245 305 305 324 328 315 307	0. 839 1. 939 2. 028 2. 228 2. 2719 4. 317 5. 818 6. 414 7. 910
Altitude (meters)	} Cε	land, alif. m.)	O	homa ity, kla. 2 m.)) Ne	aha, ebr. sm.)	N	no, ev. 46 m.)) M	ouis, lo. m.)	Ci Ui	Lake ity, iah. 14 m.)	C	Diego, alif. m.)	P.	Juan, R. m.)	Ma M	t Ste. arie, ich. 3 m.)	\mathbf{W}_{i}	attle, ash. m.)	W	kane, ash. 3 m.)	to D	hing- n, . C. m.)	Aı	slow, riz. 8 m.)
m. s. i.	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity	Direction	Velocity
Surface	261 272 276 258 256 249 253 256 268 268 306	5. 730 5. 230 3. 419 2. 829 2. 128 2. 528 2. 528 3. 927 5. 224 6. 818 5. 919	168 172 175 193 221 234 245 262 277 289 270	3. 930 4. 130 3. 730 4. 129 4. 527 4. 826 5. 425 6. 120 6. 019 6. 816 7. 312 10. 218	** 181 183 185 208 235 273 280 281 276 285 266 265 272	2. 131 1. 931 2. 231 2. 331 2. 831 3. 130 4. 038 6. 535 8. 023 8. 621 7. 013 9. 611	203 216 225 222 228 227 235 281 281 282	2. 681 2. 381 2. 731 4. 631 5. 788 4. 828 6. 517	171 174 188 226 236 283 298 317 313	1. 730 2. 230 2. 438 2. 137 2. 927 2. 626 5. 421 4. 416 6. 411	303 276 265 258 253 251 269	1. 331 1. 531 1. 831 2. 431 2. 330 3. 322 5. 520 5. 117	280 289 303 292 277 273 268 263 260 263	4, 3 ³¹ 3, 7 ³¹ 2, 6 ³⁷ 3, 2 ²³ 4, 8 ²⁵ 5, 7 ²⁵ 8, 1 ²² 11, 4 ²¹ 12, 5 ²⁰	91 102 119 118 103 	6. 531 9. 331 7. 531 6. 030 4. 622 3. 514	262 264 239 284 288 301 304 310	7. 824 9. 419 11. 716	274 253 229 221 197 214 214 222 235	2. 828 2. 029 2. 828 2. 828 3. 128 3. 723 5. 619 7. 616 9. 313	237 237 235 226 231 242 253 249	3. 0 ³¹ 3. 7 ³¹ 3. 5 ³¹ 4. 5 ²⁹ 4. 5 ²⁸ 5. 7 ²³ 7. 31 ⁹ 8. 31 ²	208 227 243 270 279 290 294 306 301	0. 931 2. 231 3. 730 4. 839 6. 427 6. 426 8. 618 9. 113	252 265	4, 931 4, 931 4, 411 6, 339 8, 239 11, 837 15, 533 17, 214 20, 611

Table 3.—Maximum free-air wind velocities (M. P. S.) for different sections of the United States based on pilot-balloon observations during May 1939

		Surface	to 2,500	met	ers (m. s. l.)	ļ	Between 2	,500 and	5,00	00 meters (m. s. l.)	Above 5,000 meters (m. s. l.)						
Section	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station		
Vortheast 1 Cast-Central 2 Outheast 3 Orth-Central 4 Central 5 Central 6 Outh-Central 6 Orthwest 7 Vest-Central 1 Outhwest 6	47.7	WSW WSW W WSSW SW WNW SSW SSW	1, 910 1, 230 1, 730 1, 700	10 28 9 10 6 23 19 21 22	Syracuse, N. Y. Cincinnsti, Ohio Jacksonville, Fla. Detroit, Mich Wichita, Kans Amarillo, Tex Billings, Mont Modens, Utah Las Vegas, Nev	39. 0 31. 8 31. 0 35. 2 33. 6 29. 0 48. 3 58. 7 33. 0	WNW N W NW WNW WNW W	4,640 4,660 4,560	18 2 1 17 10 8 9 21 23	Syracuse, N. Y. Nashville, Tenn. Charleston, S. C. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich Indianapolis, Ind Dallas, Tex. Butte, Mont. Ely, Nev Sandberg, Calif.	56. 0 38. 0 43. 6 37. 2 50. 0 73. 0 49. 0 80. 0 60. 8	NW WNW N SSW WSW NNE SSW SW	6, 570 12, 040 9, 440	30 5 16 15 7 20 5 8 13	Cleveland, Ohic Knoxville, Ten Tampa, Fla. Huron, S. Dak, Omaha, Nebr. Abilene, Tex. Medford, Oreg. Redding, Calif. Albuquerque, N.		

¹ Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and northern Ohio.

² Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, southern Ohio, Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, and North Carolina.

³ South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

⁴ Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

⁴ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas (except El Paso), and western Tennessee.
 Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.
 Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, northern Nevada, and northern California.
 Southern California, southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and extreme west Texas.

Table 4.—Mean altitudes and temperatures of significant points identifiable as tropopauses during May 1939, classified according to the potential temperatures (10-degree intervals between 290° and 399° A.) with which they are identified (based on radiosonde observations)

	Fare	to, N.	Dak.				Oak	land, (Calif.	Okla	homa Okla.	City,	Om	aha, N	leb r.		Ste. N Mich.		Bermuda			Washington, D. C.		
Potential temperatures	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °O.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (kni.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.	Number of cases	Mean altitude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tempera- ture °C.
290-299 300-309 310-319 320-329 330-339 340-349 350-359 360-369 370-379 380-389 390-399 All (weighted	77 133 211 8 5 5 2 2 7 2	10.8 11.8 12.5 13.0 14.2 15.2 15.2	-60. 9 -61. 4 -64. 5 -69. 5 -63. 4 -60. 0	16 23 5 5 2 1	11. 5 12. 6 13. 4 14. 3 15. 8 16. 0 14. 9	-47. 1 -56. 8 -60. 6 -62. 6 -64. 4 -67. 5 -71. 0	17 12 7 2 3 1	9. 5 11. 2 12. 0 12. 8 13. 6 14. 0 13. 7 14. 8	-33. 3 -44. 5 -54. 0 -55. 6 -57. 0 -57. 0 -51. 0	6 18 20 8 7 2	11. 4 12. 3 13. 2 13. 6 13. 9	-52. 8 -55. 8 -52. 2 -60. 1 -59. 9 -55. 0	18 18 5 1 4 3 1	10. 1 11. 3 12. 4 13. 0 13. 9 14. 4 15. 5 15. 8	-55. 5 -49. 7 -55. 2 -59. 4 -58. 8 -61. 2 -63. 3 -63. 0	17 16 10 4 6 4 3 2	9. 3 10. 7 11. 6 12. 3 12. 8 13. 5 14. 5 15. 6	-59.3 -63.4	8 25 17 5 5 2 3 1	12. 0 13. 1 13. 9 14. 3 15. 4 16. 0 15. 9	-70.0 -73.3 -66.0	3 1 1 1	9. 0 10. 5 11. 5 13. 0 13. 6 11. 7 14. 4 16. 4	-42. 0 -48. 3 -58. 1 -60. 5 -64. 7 -64. 0 -54. 0 -73. 0
means) Mean potential temperature			-60. 4 2. 4			-58.4 5.5			-51.6 9.5		İ	55. 5 3. 0			-57.3 4.8			-54.7 3.9			-61.5			-59. 9 6. 5